

MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

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Menominee Indian Tribe announces election of 2012-2013 Legislative Officers.

(*Keshena, WI*) - The Menominee Tribal Legislative Reorganizational meeting was held at the Menominee Casino Convention Center, Keshena, WI on Thursday February 9, 2012. The Reorganizational meeting is an annual event that marks the beginning of the new Legislative year for the Menominee Tribal Government. At this meeting, the Officer positions of Chairman, Vice-Chair and Secretary are elected by the Tribal Legislature.

The day's event commenced with a Flag song performed by Smokey Town Singers as the Presentation of Colors was made by the Veterans of the Menominee Nation. The Honorable Menominee Tribal Chief Justice, Stephan Grochowski, called the meeting to order just after 10:00am. Proceeding, the Legislative roll call, Wade Waupekenay Jr., 5th grade student at Keshena Primary School, gave the welcome address in the Menominee Language. Respected Tribal Historic Preservation Director, David "Nahwahquaw" Grignon delivered the Menominee prayer. Newly elected Legislators Gary Besaw, Joan Delabreau, Randolph "Randy" Reiter and Chief of Police, Bryan "Sid" Lepscier, were officially sworn-in to their respective offices by Tribal Chief Justice, Stephan Grochowski.

The Menominee Tribal Legislature then proceeded with the election of the Chairman, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Craig Corn was elected to the seat of Tribal Chairman; incumbent, Myrna Warrington was elected as Vice-Chairwoman and Orman "Chief" Waukau was elected as Tribal Secretary. Each Legislative Officer will serve throughout the 2012-2013 Legislative term. With the Menominee youth in the background, Tribal Chairman, Craig Corn delivered a riveting acceptance speech to all in attendance. The ceremony concluded with a Flag Song by the Smokey Town Singers as the Veterans of the Menominee Nation Retired the Colors. Those in attendance shared greetings and well wishes to all Legislators and Chief of Police.

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